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Student Protests Rock India

MASSES SEE POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNISM

NEW DELHI (India), July 31— “Never in my life have I seen demonstrations this massive,” said a man who has lived in Delhi for seventy years. Students, and farm-workers who joined them, witnessed an unprecedented surge, disappearing into the horizon.

Millions protested against a NEET leak resulting in twenty students’ suicides. NEET is the mandatory competitive exam for medical school admission.

Youths protested the government’s indifference and corruption. High unemployment added to the fury that spilled from the streets of Delhi and gripped the whole country.

Several months ago, India’s Supreme Court Chief Justice called unemployed students ‘cockroaches.’ This provoked a mass student movement. Gen Z created memes, TikTok posts, and rap songs to express their rage. They

called themselves Cockroach Janta Party. Within 72 hours, they signed up more members than the ruling fascist BJP in 72 years!

Three weeks ago, ICWP comrades brought hundreds of friends to the Hind Rajab docudrama. That was like a dress rehearsal to bring masses with our communist politics to the streets. Many friends came with their entire families. Everyone had read *Red Flag*. We carried the *Red Flag* and water in our backpacks.

We divided into groups of ten or fewer, which spread out among the masses. Each group had a leader. We could communicate with the entire party.

Some groups arrived before the Delhi police stopped the Metro to prevent people from going to Parliament Road. Some comrades walked more than 20 kms (12 miles). Some could not reach the protest as the cops had started



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CEUTA CRISIS MEANS: FIGHT FOR A COMMUNIST WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS

SPAIN, August 1— “That difference—having a passport that lets you say, ‘Well... I want to earn more money, so I’ll go to Belgium, Germany, or Sweden’—versus the only option we have: throwing ourselves into the sea and trying to cross the border,” a Moroccan man

told a journalist on the beach at Ceuta.

Between July 28 and 31, over 60,000 people swam around the border from Morocco into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta on the North Africa coast. At least 90 died, drowned or crushed against

the border fence. Spain sent more soldiers to Ceuta. Most of the migrants, lacking resources, will be returned to Morocco or their countries of origin.

Why did this happen? One question. Two answers.

The sentiment of being so poor that one has “nothing to lose” is frequently heard in Ceuta and Melilla, another Spanish enclave. People wait for a chance to scale the fence or swim across.

Morocco is a transit zone for the largest and most deadly border in the world—the Mediterranean Sea. Migrants from across Morocco and every part of Africa journey for months. They risk their lives crossing the Sahara in search of survival.

This same desperation sends people from Guatemala to the US and from Mozambique to South Africa. Capitalism has no future for our class, but this attack is uneven.

Many workers will risk everything for a chance to find someplace where things are a little better.

But what happened this week is mostly a political maneuver by the Moroccan monarchy. Trucks ferried people to the border, unimpeded by the police. Rumors were spread that a recent Spanish Court decision would allow migrants who arrived by sea to stay. The Moroccan king, colluding with his US and Zionist allies, used these desperate workers to exert pressure on the Spanish government.

Spain’s current government is a thorn in the side of the Zionists and the US. President Pedro Sánchez denounced the genocide in Gaza. He refused to let the US military use Spanish bases to attack Iran.

Encouraging migrants to cross into Ceuta supports US policy interests. It aims to destabilize Spanish politics. It creates an

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Masses in Rabat (Morocco) protest Israeli law targeting Palestinians for the death penalty, April 2026

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RED FLAG UNIFIES US INTERNATIONALLY
- AND CENTERS POLITICAL STRUGGLE

July 25, 2026— What attracts your attention in *Red Flag/Bandera Roja* (RF/BR)? Most readers say that it's letters and articles about ICWP's work in faraway places.

That's extremely important. RF/BR unites us as one international party. It helps us organize around one line everywhere. It connects us regularly even when we can't all meet.

But unity also comes with struggle. Sometimes letters share open political disagreements. More often, articles and letters reflect unstated disagreements. Or they raise questions.

For example, for too long, articles about ICWP's work showed that some collectives were engaging seriously with the genocide in Palestine, but others were not.

The RF/BR collective struggled consistently to place Palestine front and center. We guaranteed articles in almost every issue. Some articles showed comrades' consistent involvement with protests in Los Angeles and Tel Aviv against the genocide. This led to party growth. Others, from South Africa and India, showed how work around Palestine strengthened comrades' consciousness of working-class in-

ternationalism. It deepened their commitment to the party.

That led to many discussions in ICWP meetings. We made some progress. More collectives took up the issue.

In general, struggle is how we advance the line and the work of the party. Our party, no matter how unified, would stagnate and become irrelevant without struggle.

We don't just mean inside ICWP. Our members need to be with the masses constantly, continuously, and consistently. We need to listen to our co-workers, friends, and relatives. To find out what they think. To figure out how to respond effectively in what we write and what we say.

If you are one of those co-workers, friends, or relatives, we need to hear your ideas and opinions. Of course, as we often say, we want you to join us. But whether or not you join, you help us by sharing your questions or your objections.

Sometimes we hold back from criticism and struggle. We don't want to alienate or insult or demoralize anyone. We may fear that sharp struggle will weaken or divide the party. But sharp comradesly

struggle strengthens our relationships and our party.

Another example: Comrades have described, in RF/BR, important conversations in Los Angeles high school classrooms about anti-ICE protests and the Iran war. But we have not read much about how comrades build a base with students and their families outside of class. That raised questions. After a recent discussion, we hope to read more.

Practice is Primary

We want RF/BR to be a new kind of communist paper. One where the analysis and theory are grounded as firmly as possible in ICWP's practical work of mobilizing masses for communism.

Communist work is anything we do to put our line in practice. Raising communist ideas in the mass movement or non-party organizations. Having conversations that deepen ties and promote struggle over communism. Organizing our party. Building communist social relations. Recruiting to ICWP.

Our line and the way we present it develop through this work. In conversations among friends and comrades. In the thick of the class struggle as we fight to build a mass

communist party.

ICWP fights for communism and nothing less. What does that mean in practice? In massive anti-fascist struggles? In the way we live and work?

When do differences in practice reflect or become political disagreements?

The main way we figure this out, collectively and internationally, is through RF/BR. We are learning as we try to teach. We make mistakes. We don't always agree on what is or isn't a mistake.

That's why we emphasize articles based on practice. It's why we ask everyone to read letters and articles about ICWP's work critically. To discuss and write letters about them. And why all our collectives need to write about our work regularly. Friends, too!

This is part of helping each other learn to evaluate our work. To improve it. To enrich our collective understanding. To move, step by step, toward the communist world without borders that we all need.

And please get in touch if you'd like to help edit, translate, illustrate, design, or do technical work on *Red Flag/Bandera Roja*!

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opportunity for openly fascist anti-immigrant politicians who would be friendlier to the US/Zionist gang.

Masses in Morocco have actively denounced the genocide in Gaza. But Moroccan President Mohammed VI openly supports Trump and the Zionist regime. He recognized the State of Israel in the 2020 Abraham Accords. This bought US and Israeli support for Morocco's claim over Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony where indigenous Sahrawi people are fighting for independence.

Morocco is playing both sides of imperialist rivalry. It has welcomed Chinese investment in its

tech sector and provided China access to its phosphate resources. Phosphate is a vital ingredient in fertilizers, and Morocco has 70% of the world's reserves.

Morocco is also trying to gain advantage in a liquefied natural gas agreement involving Algeria and Spain. Previously the gas passed through Morocco, which collected transit fees. Algeria still sells gas, but it reaches Spain directly via the Medgaz pipeline. This connects Algerian fields to Almería (Spain) across the Mediterranean.

Capitalist rulers use workers as cannon fodder. The struggle for energy resources has claimed countless lives in Gaza, Iran, Sudan, and Ukraine. The bosses

will do whatever it takes to secure those profits—including genocide in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon.

The desperation of migrants at the world's borders shows clearly that the working class needs to get rid of this system. We need armed revolution for communism, for a world without borders or bosses, where no worker will ever be a foreigner.

We have nothing to lose but the chains of wage slavery. We have a communist world to win!



ON THE WEB:

As usual, we have more than we can print. The website: www.icwpredflag.org has the following additional articles and letters this issue:

- The World Cup: Mass Propaganda, Not Sport
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INDUSTRIAL WORKER SAYS: “PREPARE FOR COMMUNIST CLASS WAR”

SEATTLE (USA), July 31— “We’ve got to do something!” This was the cry of “David,” a Boeing worker and new member of an industrial group that meets regularly to discuss union and international politics. A Boeing retiree and ICWP member brings a communist perspective. This comrade gave David a *Red Flag*.

Another worker asked, “What does bombing Iranian children have to do with advancing labor power?”

These rank-and-file workers made the question of war the main topic of recent meetings. They are angered by the genocide in Palestine and the death and destruction raining on millions around the world. Workers everywhere face the threat of war.

Workers in these meetings struggle around the contradictions inherent in working for Boeing. It is the biggest manufacturer of weapons and ammunition for the US military. Boeing workers feel a responsibility for the death and destruction.

Some hope that the geopolitics will change. That will not happen. Since October 2023, over 75,000 Palestinians have died, at least 20,000 of them children. And over 44,000 children have been injured.

When the discussion turned to murdering Palestinian and Iranian children, a new friend said, “Winning a few extra dollars for indus-

trial workers should not be what we are about.” Later he said, “We must prepare for communist class war and expand the industrial base for communist war production.” We are inviting him to our August potluck so we can get to know each other better.

Another worker wanted the ICWP comrade to come to the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) union meeting. He wants more IAMAW workers to understand what is really at stake.

These workers are interested in what ICWP has to say. Many read *Red Flag*. Some have come to events we have sponsored. Now is the time for them to step up, join ICWP, and fight with us to end this rotten, murderous system.

Building a communist base is essential, no matter where the industrial workers come

from. As the question of war has become more and more critical around the world, ICWP’s global industrial work becomes key.

Currently ICWP members are fighting garment industry bosses in the factories in Bengaluru (India) and in El Salvador. They are fighting auto industry bosses in Chennai (India) and Gqeberha (South Africa). As our message spreads, more and more industrial workers, understanding their connection to

world war, will join us in this fight. One day the arms that Boeing workers and others around the world produce will be used for communist revolution.

But we’ve got to do something right now! The main task is to spread communist ideas, using *Red Flag* to win millions worldwide to ICWP and to create a mass communist party.



GQEBERHA (South Africa), July 30— Workers at the BAIC vehicle assembly plant here have been on strike for six weeks. BAIC is the Beijing Automotive Industry Corporation. The plant is in the Coega Special Economic Zone, run by the Eastern Cape government. Officials of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) want this Chinese capitalist company to match wages and working conditions of similar plants in the area.

“As Numsa, we visited the plant on June 18, after leaders of our local joined members at the picketing line,” reported an industrial worker ICWP comrade. He has a friend there. “Recently we held a Regional Congress wherein we each donated R50 per worker for the striking workers.”

This comrade promised to share the ICWP link. Some unknown person is already sharing it with strikers. Another ICWP comrade, a truck driver, distributes *Red Flag* in that area.

ICWP auto worker comrades from Gqeberha to Chennai (India) explain that we need communist revolution to end all capitalist wage slavery. And that industrial workers must take the lead in mobilizing the broader masses for communism.

LETTERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Choose Class Over Country

I would like to introduce myself. I am the new Comrade from KwaNobuhle.

I stand here as an ICWP member. My politics start where most of us spend 8, 10, 12 hours a day: on the job, in the factory, in the hospital.

ICWP stands for International Communist Workers’ Party. And for us communism isn’t a slogan from a book. It’s the idea that people who create all the wealth, “us”, should be the ones who decide how it’s used. No bosses. No profit over people. Just workers planning production for human need.

They tell us the system is broken. I say it’s working exactly how it was designed: to keep us divided, scared, and tired. Divided by race, by nationality, by religion. But on the shop floor, in the strike picket line, we learn the truth: the bosses need all of us to make a profit. That means all of us have the power to shut it down and build something new.

So, what do we do? We organize, not just for better wages, though we fight for those too. We organize for communism. We talk about it at lunchtime. We distribute

Red Flag newspapers. We bring soldiers, students, and workers together because the fight for communism has no borders.

The road won’t be easy. Every boss, every government, every TV station will say we’re dreaming. But every time we choose class over country, we prove the dream real.

Join us, fight with us, let’s make communism!

—Comrade Olwethu.

You produce everything, so why can’t you afford to live?

In the last four years, rent, food, gas, and healthcare all went up 20 to 40%!

Workers produce everything socially, and a small class owns it privately and takes the profit for themselves.

The solution: Only the working class, organized and armed with communist politics. NO WAGES, NO RENT, NO BOSSES!

—Comrade Asanda

ICWP Helps Me Understand What Is Happening in the World

Greetings, Comrades. I’m 43 years old. I am the mother of two

boys, 17 and 15 years old, and my Princess is 6 years old.

I joined the Party because it gave me an understanding of what is happening in the world. In my first meeting, I couldn’t understand the message clearly because of the political terminologies of what the Comrades were sharing. Yet I stayed because I was trying to understand what they were saying even if it was hard to digest.

Then we were given change. Now we’re given a chance to engage as well.

As the meeting was continuing, I asked the comrades to break down the English words and just to simplify it for new people like me. And they took note and clarified the message to us. Right there I decided to come again so that I may listen more and engage when necessary.

In 2026 I chose to come back to the Party because ICWP planted hope in me. Hope of change, if not for me then for the future of my children. Together with the whole world because it’s not for me alone, but for all Comrades and the people in the world at large.

I fully trust the struggle with the Comrades and the collective. The masses have the voice to be

heard. We can spread the struggle and bring solutions and deal with the challenges we continue to face as we live on.

As we distribute the *Red Flag*, some people become enlightened too. When reading even among ourselves, we can understand more about the struggle.

What drew me in on the first meeting was the fact that the Comrades listened, not just to me, but to all Comrades that asked questions. And there was no postponement, but there were answers and solutions to our questions.

As I continued in the struggle, I saw that ICWP is all about solutions to the problems and the abuse of human rights and for our freedom. I believe the struggle will not be conquered in months, but we will continue to struggle for our freedom and rights to live ourselves as Communists until we free ourselves from capitalism.

Red Salute, Comrades! I’m so sorry that I couldn’t log in to the recent zoom meeting. But there will always be next time. I’m proud to be part of you. And I’m devoting myself to serve as a good communist as well. Thank you very much.

—Comrade O

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attacking students with batons and tear gas. Later, internet service was cut. We switched to local communications apps.

Meet Police Attacks with Communist Collectivity

As night fell, cops brutally attacked the demonstrators. Students surged past their barricades. Police resorted to tear gas, nail-studded batons, and pellet guns.

We realized that we needed to be with friends and make connections. Our groups of ten again spread among the masses. Each comrade was responsible for those around them. People readily gave their social media handles.

A flight attendant with an overnight layover came to the march. She wanted to be a medical doctor, but the corruption in NEET kept her out of medical school. We talked about education in capitalist society, about selfishness, and making wage slaves. We shared *Red Flag* electronically. She said everyone at her airline is talking about the students' courage. She would talk to all her colleagues

about our communist conversations.

A couple had driven twenty-four hours from Mumbai. The man, an auto mechanic, said he was donating all he had saved for his three-year-old daughter to feed the students. We said that we need people like him to be communists because he already was thinking of feeding the masses. Two comrades stayed with him for the night. They exchanged phone numbers.

News of the brutal police attacks spread across India and beyond, reaching even the most remote areas. Protests spread too, including high school students.

By the third night, farmworkers—some armed—had joined the march. The emboldened students grew more defiant and fought back against the police. In many locations, the outnumbered police had to retreat or abandon their units.

On the third day, we sent two groups to Delhi's industrial area, where we have been distributing *Red Flag*. Workers were lining up to get our paper when we told them



that we were coming from the march.

Safe Among the Masses

"I have never felt safer in my entire life surrounded by millions of people I don't know," said Renu, there with three friends. "There is a camaraderie, an unshakable bond. We are all the same. I give water to an unknown person. Somebody gives me food. There is a plume of tear gas, police attacking. They suspended the metro, there is no internet, and now the government has cut electricity and water. BUT I FEEL SAFE AMONG YOU," she concluded.

Millions like Renu are a threat not only to Modi, but to the entire capitalist system. "They are all rascals and swindlers," Renu's friend shouted, pointing to the Congress Party, which is trying to soothe the masses.

Facing the masses' fury, the education minister resigned.

Renu and her friends have become part of our communist lives. In less than a week, we have made contact with thousands.

At the movement's peak, millions of people were fed. Water was distributed. Doctors and nurses set up emergency field hospitals. Sanitation, cleaning, and cooking were all done by the masses. No money changed hands. So much food and money poured in from all over India that organizers requested people not to send any more.

We are asking our comrades and people like Renu and her friends: **Can we feed the masses of millions of people not just for four days, but permanently?**

We have to destroy the system that feeds on police and military to protect the capitalist bosses. We have to organize a communist revolution.

The International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) is the centre of change. Without ICWP, gains are only temporary. The education minister has resigned, but our task of organizing the masses for communism has become clearer and brighter. Let's build our party!



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College Can't Solve Capitalism's Mass Youth Unemployment

The demand for higher education is not a narrow demand. In India, half of the population of 1.4 billion is under 30. College is the primary means of securing a job and escaping widespread poverty. But forty percent of college graduates cannot find employment.

For this reason, millions of young people took to the streets. The student protest turned into a mobilization against widespread corruption, elite privileges, and repression.

This movement gives voice to unemployed working-class youth and to students seeking a way out of the growing precarity of life. The "cucarachas" include the jobless, the disenfranchised, the impover-

ished, and those manipulated by government corruption and nepotism. They now seek to win back their trampled demands and rights.

These young people need to understand and embrace the ideas of emancipation promoted by the ICWP. They need to unite to end capitalism, its exploitation, and its wars.

As in Mexico, university entrance exams have been manipulated in India, particularly for medical school, a profession with a reputation for being highly lucrative.

High-ranking Indian government officials had been leaking the answers to the medical school entrance exams. The answers were published ahead of time in exchange for money so that elite cram schools could guarantee ad-

mission for a small group of privileged students.

The entrance exams are exclusionary for the majority. More than two million students compete for just 130,000 spots. In India, more is spent on private tutoring than on the entire government budget for higher education. Families spend their savings and mortgage their assets to pay for preparatory courses.

In Mexico, 158,000 students took the exams for various degree programs at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Only 21,962 would be accepted, meaning 86% would be rejected. The UNAM medical program accepts fewer than 2% of applicants through the admissions exam. The UNAM admissions process is under scrutiny amid a

major scandal over allegations of fraud.

What interested me was drawing a parallel with the protests here that aren't going anywhere. Even if the exam were repeated, the result would still be the exclusion of the majority. The most that's being asked for is an expansion of UNAM so it can admit more students. But if more complete their studies, more wouldn't find jobs in their field of study. Thousands are already in that situation. In the least bad-case scenario, they would end up in low-paying jobs.

For now, I don't think the protests will grow in Mexico like they did in India. I hope I'm wrong.

—College teacher in Mexico City

From Gaza to El Salvador:

RESOLVING CONTRADICTIONS IN OUR POLITICAL WORK

El Salvador, August 3— “I think I need to be self-critical and admit that I should address the issue of inter-imperialist war more—and how we must fight ideologically—in order to build the Party,” stated a comrade leader of ICWP.

“The situation in Gaza, the Russia-Ukraine (NATO) war, and other wars affect the working class—hundreds of thousands of deaths and millions of people isolated in occupied Palestine, girls and boys alongside their parents, murdered by imperialism,” she continued.

With this self-criticism, an expanded meeting began in the mountains, attended by eighteen people, including maquila workers, comrades from the countryside, and members of the city collective. We discussed the contradictions, how to advance the communist political struggle, and how this internal struggle can serve to recruit more workers to the ICWP. This contradiction and reformism have been discussed within the collectives present at this expanded meeting.

“I used to think the war was very far away, and I believed it didn’t affect us. Now that I’m in the ICWP, I realize that we workers are the ones being hit the hardest,” said N, a woman worker.

“We are not an island; when

there is a major war, it’s like throwing a stone into a pond—the ripples spread all the way to the shore. Nor is it just a news story—it is the death of thousands of our class brothers and sisters,” said a woman comrade.

All these global events present a great opportunity—and a necessity—to mobilize the masses for communism. Millions of workers around the world are mobilizing against the genocide in Gaza.

We want to build a world without borders or nations, without racism. And it’s not enough to simply understand this. We must fight it in practice.

The recent meeting allowed us to assess our contradictions and begin a process of change, ensuring we do not hinder the Party’s growth.

“What is fascism? I keep hearing that word, and I’d like to know so I can share it with the women workers where I work,” asked a worker from a maquila in the western part of El Salvador.

Comrades from the countryside replied: “We suffered massacres—nearly a thousand peasants, girls, boys, the elderly, and pregnant women—who were murdered by



this country’s national army in two days.

“This raised our level of political consciousness. We joined the armed struggle and have remained in the Party because we see that the bosses continue this practice worldwide. We must continue the struggle for our class,” he concluded.

Linking inter-imperialist wars to the situation of the working class involves analyzing how they impact our class. It is one of the main contradictions. We must address it with the responsibility it demands and share this responsibility collectively.

Furthermore, we are a single class, and we need to build a mass ICWP. Wherever there is an attack by the bosses, we must show solidarity—not only in theory but in revolutionary practice.

We must fight within the working class and organize for the working-class system of the International Communist Workers’ Party in every part of the world. We must be willing to fight for the working-class system through our Red Army.

Reading *Red Flag* helps us understand how war funnels money to a select few and pressures workers worldwide to maximize profits—and to kill and die for those profits. We will continue the struggle to encourage workers to organize within the bosses’ army.

The expanded meeting concluded with jokes and pork rinds, curd (a kind of cheese), and red bean soup, which were shared among all the comrades of the ICWP.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANITA MANZANO

There are no words that can do justice to the loss of a mother. We extend our condolences and solidarity to the daughters and grandchildren of Anita Manzano, comrades of the International Communist Workers’ Party, on her sad passing. She leaves behind an indelible legacy and an example of her work, dedication, and undying

love.

Anita Manzano, at 92 years old, was a strong, determined woman. It showed in everything she did. She welcomed us joyfully when we gathered at her home. She was deeply respectful of communist ideals. And she even joined us for the May Day march.

Last year, she visited her

grandson E. in Spain and was pleased to see him participating in the ICWP.

She warmly welcomed comrades from Mexico into her home when they visited us for the international conference held here. She forged bonds with the comrades and with everyone who came to her home, with the kindness that characterized her.

She had promised to visit them soon to continue fostering communist social ties.

She is a mother who leaves behind a great legacy of communist daughters and grandchildren to continue the struggle for a better world. We honor and celebrate her life.

—A comrade in El Salvador

COMMUNIST SOLIDARITY AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST REFORMISM

EL SALVADOR, July 30— A said: “I’m not leaving the Party. Learning about the communist line has helped me and changed the way I view the life of the working class, but I can no longer do the same work.” This valuable worker has continued to participate in some expanded meetings, conferences, and May Day marches, along with her family, but without taking on specific Party tasks. We must continue trying to bring her back.

Comrade A played a key role in ICWP’s growth in the factories. Her absences began due to pressure from her family. They believed that she was devoting too much time to Party activities and that her young daughter needed more attention.

We sought ways to minimize her trips to pick up her young daughter in another city. ICWP comrades would stop by her place and take her so she could arrive on time for meet-

ings. For a while, this helped a great deal.

She later changed jobs. Full of enthusiasm to organize there, she ran into some fellow workers she knew at her new workplace. She invited them to an expanded meeting, but her absences had already become more prolonged.

M and D were absent for several months. During that time they no longer participated as they had before. These worker comrades faced pressure from supervisors in the form of increased quotas and longer working hours. While the unions were fighting on their behalf, they stopped attending the meetings. “We’re between a rock and a hard place,” said M.

The situation for workers in the factories is complex. There, the unions work alongside management and put a lot of pressure on the workers to participate with them as a guarantee of keeping their jobs.

Comrade P states: “During this time, I tried to stay close to them at all times. Even though these are moments of great ideological tension, I persisted. Sometimes we had lunch together, trying to raise awareness that reformism leads us to a dead end.”

Over the past year, inside and outside the factories, we have been fighting day by day alongside our working-class comrades to win the ideological battle of the communist revolution against opportunist reformism.

This is a process of strengthening communist ties and ensuring that people understand that reformism leads us down a path with no end. Only communism, through the International Communist Workers’ Party, will free us from wage slavery. We need solidarity facing family problems, always staying close, never abandoning the comrades, until we have them fighting for our class.

BUILD ICWP TO END CAPITALISM’S DEADLY RACISM

California (USA), August 3—“Darkness hovers over the oppressed peoples in the United States this summer,” said a comrade responding to the flagrant police murder of Corey Ruiz in Madison, Wisconsin on July 22.

Enraged workers and youth nationwide were still protesting the ICE murders of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Texas on July 7 and Johan Sebastian Duran Guerrero in Maine on July 13. We know there will be no “justice” for them. Or for Renee Good, Alex Pretti, and Keith Porter. Or for over seventy-five who have died in ICE custody this year.

What about Nolan Wells and Juliana Nzita? Is racist capital-

ism responsible for their deaths? Nolan Wells, a Black 18-year-old, died on July 4th during a boating outing with a group of white friends in Mississippi. We don’t know what happened to him. We do know that his friends were wealthy and connected. And that local officials rushed to rule out foul play before the investigation was even finished. New evidence seriously questions the results of the official autopsy.

Juliana Nzita, a Black 16-year-old, was “found hanging from a tree” in a North Carolina churchyard in May. The history of racist lynching, especially in the US South, makes it extremely unlikely that a Black person who chose sui-

cide would do it from a tree. From a branch twice as high as she was tall. But the case was closed with a ruling of suicide in a week, without an autopsy, locating her cellphone, or interviewing the man who reported finding her body.

Capitalism needs racism to survive. Without racism, working people would have long ago united to overthrow our oppressors. Racism allows us to dismiss these deaths of Black teenagers in the US South. “She killed herself.” “He was drunk.” “He picked the wrong friends.”

Comrades elsewhere have their own examples. The murder of our comrade Zipho in Gqeberha (South Africa) was never investigated by the state. Nor the disappearances and deaths of thousands of indigenous women throughout North America. The Israeli state tacitly condones crimes against Arab Israeli citizens and encourages settlers to attack Palestinians. Drug lords in Mexico kill with impunity, with the collusion of the state. Unless perhaps if they kill an American tourist.

The capitalist state is not neutral. Prof. Terence Keel documented

the LA County coroners’ office’s complicity in letting cops off the hook when people die in police custody. Concerning Nolan Wells, he commented, “For generations, Black and Brown families have been failed by a death investigation system that too often blames victims, overlooks critical evidence, or reaches conclusions before all the facts are known.”

But, as Black American scholar W. E. B. DuBois reportedly said, “The system cannot fail those it was never designed to protect.”

The deaths of our friends and comrades just don’t matter to the capitalist state. It wasn’t set up to protect workers. It was set up to protect property and guarantee our oppression. And when suspected racist murders are not investigated, the killers are given a free pass to attack us again.

We should follow the example of Black communists in Alabama during the 1930s, urged a comrade. Faced with beatings, jailings, killings, and other attacks, they didn’t despair or retreat. “They fought back, not only by demanding reforms, but by building the party.”

Comrades in South Africa marched defiantly to Comrade Zipho’s memorial, demonstrating their commitment to building the ICWP. This is our response to the murders of our class siblings. Join us in building the party that fights for a communist world where workers in power can end racism and exploitation in all its forms.



Thousands marched in Madison, Wisconsin (USA) against the open police murder of Corey Ruiz on July 22. An encampment at the scene of the crime blocked streets for a week. The city authorities removed it, but the masses quickly poured back into the intersection.

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Beyond Symbolic Gestures: Organizing Masses for Communism
Fraternal greetings, comrades. Having read *Red Flag*, I agree that The Strokes’ performance at Coachella showed that even within the spaces created by capitalism, voices of protest and gestures that unsettle those in power can emerge. However, I also believe it is important not to lose sight of the underlying contradiction or dilute it. A song, no matter how powerful, cannot substitute for the conscious organization of the working class or replace the political struggle necessary to transform reality. Coachella remains, above all, a showcase for cultural capitalism,

where art becomes a commodity and rebellion runs the risk of being absorbed as spectacle. That is why, rather than merely celebrating the symbolic gesture, we should highlight both its limitations and its potential. While thousands of workers face insufficient wages, unaffordable rent, grueling workdays, and the constant rising cost of living, the system offers exclusive festivals and messages of protest packaged as entertainment. That is the true contradiction we must highlight. Capitalism turns even criticism into a product. But it cannot erase the material conditions of exploitation that most of us experience as the working class. Imperialism, exploitation, and

the commodification of culture will not disappear by the will of corporations or through isolated acts of rebellion. Furthermore, we must not forget that artists, even when they rebel for a moment, continue to profit within this system. And in many cases, certain acts of provocation also serve as a way to attract attention, sell more, and strengthen their own image within the market. Precisely for this reason, the response cannot be limited to fleeting admiration or momentary outrage. The real task is to transform that discomfort into class consciousness, organization, and communist struggle. Only communism offers a real way out of a system that commodifies culture,

makes life precarious, and turns every form of rebellion into a business. The question, then, remains the same: Which side are we on? And how much longer are we going to wait? Are we on the side of capitalist spectacle? Or on the side of the working class fighting to overthrow this order and build a communist society? That is why the struggle is not just about making a symbolic gesture, but about organizing on a massive scale, joining the ICWP, and distributing *Red Flag* to strengthen the conscious struggle of the working class and to advance toward communism. —Comrade in El Salvador

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The Palestinian Authority enabled this, seizing land by “eminent domain.”

Ross traces Rawabi back to the Oslo Accords (1993-95). Then-US President Bill Clinton brokered Oslo. The once-militant Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) “recognized” the Israeli government. That Zionist regime anointed the PLO to “represent” the Palestinian masses. Together they created the collaborationist Palestinian Authority.

Oslo was supposed to be a step toward a “two-state solution.” But the Israeli rulers never intended to allow a Palestinian state.

The Oslo “peace process” ended a quarter of a century ago. But the Oslo Accords laid a continuing basis for international investment in Palestine. They promoted capi-

talist “economic development” and liberalized markets.

Among the 750,000 Palestinians expelled in 1948, and now among their descendants, are a few wealthy capitalists like Masri. Capitalists very comfortable with neoliberal economics. Eager to promote neoliberal ideas about “progress” and “modernity” among some skilled workers. And willing to work with the fascist Israeli rulers.

Construction workers at Rawabi told Ross about “exploitative, and often dangerous, labor conditions.” Three-month labor contracts let employers avoid paying benefits. Injured workers were callously laid off.

The “national struggle” for a Palestinian state can’t erase the class struggle.

“In the absence of an organized,

robust, and coordinated working class movement that operates on solidarity with all working people (in Palestine and around the world), the vacuum is filled by these capitalist liberals,” J concluded.

“They are loyal to capitalist interests. They can use the veneer of Palestinian nationalism to push their agenda that only serves the interest of capitalism. All at the expense of Palestinians.”

We’ll write more as we finish the book. We think it’s worthwhile for others to read. So is the Kanafani book.

But the story of Rawabi alone shows why we can’t just shout

“Free Palestine!” Free markets for capitalists, or freedom from exploitation for workers?

ICWP is confident that communists in the West Bank, in Gaza, and in “Israel” will unite to fight to end capitalism “from the river to the sea.”



Stone Men: The Palestinians Who Built Israel

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Communism Grows in Occupied Palestine

The growth of our party in Tel Aviv, in the face of fascist terror and genocide, is inspiring. Many of my pro-Palestine friends here are happy to read about it.

Especially now, as the Israeli military has occupied over two-thirds of Gaza. And as it’s moving the “yellow line” every day to keep stealing more land. And as fascist settlers in the West Bank ever more brazenly attack Palestinians who have lived there for many,

Read our pamphlet:

GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE DEMANDS COMMUNIST REVOLUTION



many generations.

You would think from the US and Zionist capitalist media that Israel is unshakeable. Maybe it just needs different leadership. That’s why it’s so important to learn from our comrades about the cracks in the foundation. About the growing potential for change.

Many of our comrades and friends there are reservists or veterans. They grasp the urgency of continuing to meet with draft-age youth and introducing them to communist ideas. Communist soldiers, allied with the masses of angry Palestinian youths and workers, can and will destroy the capitalists’ Zionist project. One day, they will build a communist liberated zone for all workers between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. And beyond.

One thing in a recent *Red Flag* article confused me, though. “Israel as a capitalist society is finished,” a comrade concluded.

Capitalist society is finished! Israel is finished! Yes! We will finish

them off.

But the way the quote is phrased might lead some to think there could or should be a non-capitalist Israel. Or to think we believe that. We don’t!

We fight for a world without nations or borders. And most certainly without the apartheid state of Israel in any form. We should have used a different headline.

—Comrade in the USA

Capitalism Is Not Finished, but It Is the Last Stage of Class Society

This letter is about an article published in the last *Red Flag* about ICWP’s work in Israel. I don’t think the headline, “Israel as a capitalist society is finished” did justice to the article about our comrades’ communist work in Israel. It should have been something like “Israel: ICWP Reaches Out to Youth.”

The headline was also wrong in affirming the death of capitalism in

Israel. I think the *Red Flag* collective should be self-critical for publishing that headline. Capitalism will only be finished when ICWP leads the oppressed masses – won to embrace communist ideas as their own – in an armed insurrection to fight directly for communist workers’ power.

Further, even when establishing communism in one country, it doesn’t mean capitalism is finished. We have learned from history that unless we establish it worldwide, our gains in one or more countries can be reversed. This is important because if we want our class to fight for this, we have to start putting that goal forward now.

I would say that capitalism is not finished yet, but it is the last stage of class society. Once, talking to a comrade, I said that capitalism had reached and passed its usefulness and it must be destroyed. He angrily said to me, “Usefulness? Tell that to a worker.” He said that from its very beginning capitalism had oppressed, exploited, raped, and murdered our class by the millions. How could that be called useful?

I could not answer. I thought I was quoting Marx but did not tell him that. I kept quiet because I knew he was right and thought maybe Marx was wrong. Actually, I found out later I was quoting Martin Luther King Jr., who wrote in 1952 to his future wife that capitalism “had outlived its usefulness.”

At any rate, I think it is better to say that capitalism was an inevitable stage in the development of class society once pre-class communism was divided into classes. Capitalism created the international working class. We are the grave diggers of capitalism and all class society.

—A Comrade



Tel Aviv (Occupied Palestine) July 2026

CLASS STRUGGLE IN PALESTINE: FREEDOM FOR WHOM?

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (USA), July 26— “This is the first thing we’ve read about Palestine with a class analysis,” B commented. Our book club was discussing *Stone Men: The Palestinians Who Built Israel*, by Andrew Ross.

“This isn’t the first,” J reminded us. “Ghassan Kanafani’s book *The Revolution of 1936-1939 in Palestine* had fantastic Marxist analysis. But it’s unfortunately rare to encounter this perspective in books about Palestine.”

Ross writes about skilled Pales-

tinian construction workers. His book includes information gleaned from conversations with them. It shows how everything about construction in Palestine reflected Zionist ideology and conquest. The materials, the architecture, the labor force.

We were discussing a section called “City on a Hilltop.” It’s about Rawabi. That was the first modern planned Palestinian city in the West Bank. Palestinian workers in a nearby village described it as an economic scheme cooked up by Qatari investors and Bashar Masri,

a wealthy Palestinian real estate developer.

“What really struck me,” said J, “was how Masri was able to co-opt Palestinian solidarity without contributing anything to Palestinian liberation.

“It’s similar,” he continued, “to how liberals say that electing Kamala Harris would be some great liberation for all Black people. When in reality you just have a token ‘representative’ consecrated by the capitalist political structure. A token not accountable to anything but capitalist interests.”

The Palestinian capitalists of the West Bank faced violence at the hands of settlers and the Israeli state. And they employed Palestinians.

But they were using their position to exploit the Palestinian working class. They literally sold off their heritage and land, piece by piece, to make luxury housing developments. All this while flying Palestinian flags over their showrooms for model homes that Palestinian workers can’t afford.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND MARINES: PRESENT AND FUTURE COMMUNIST REVOLUTIONARIES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USA), August 5— It’s a scary and confusing time for high school students. Many have seen ICE kidnap their neighbors off the street. Seen it in person, on social media, or both. Fascist terror and racism are more visible. The genocide in Gaza and Lebanon and the war in Iran cloud their futures.

And their parents’ and grandparents’ confidence that hard work would get you a good life seems like a bad joke.

But school is starting and students will do what they can. Some will bet on college. Some will learn a trade, working in construction or health care. Some will become industrial workers. Many will face unemployment, like most youths in other countries.

And some will join the military. They will hope to survive and to be rewarded with the down payment of a better future for their families. Many will be sent to attack other unemployed youths.

The Board of Education knows this. They organize schools to train you to follow orders. Not to think critically. History classes are designed to build patriotism. Every kid, every day, has to pledge their allegiance to the flag and the republic.

Communist teachers also know a lot of our students will be soldiers. Sent to risk their lives to kill their working-class siblings, to fight for an empire that sees them as expendable.

But communists also know that soldiers, sailors, and marines do not check their brains along with their cell phones when they report to boot camp. Enlisted personnel have organized mutinies, stopped massacres, fragged gung-ho officers. They have united in acts of rebellion in every war in history. In Russia in 1917, soldiers joined together with workers and peasants to turn World War I into a revolutionary struggle.

Students in high school today are potential revolutionaries.

So are the Marines that we visit regularly on the streets of Oceanside, CA, outside of Camp Pendleton.

“These young men already have a sense of what’s going on,” said a comrade who went to talk to Marines for the first time in July.

Many people flatten military personnel into stereotypes. We spoke with one young man who opposed oppression in Ukraine and the genocide in Gaza. Another opposed communism but understood the role of oil profits in US involvement in the Middle East.

We discussed “following orders” and being told to do things they believed were wrong.

“I thought about this a lot before joining,” a Marine said. “I know that I would rather die than kill an innocent civilian.”

His statement had a strong impact on us and on his friends.

“It’s important for your actions to match your values,” a comrade responded. “But it’s even more important to have an impact on the larger situation.”

She talked about Hugh Thompson Jr. during the US war on Vietnam. He witnessed US soldiers killing civilians in the My Lai massacre, including elders and children. Thompson ordered his helicopter gunner to point the turret at the American troops. He warned that if they continued, he would open fire. His actions helped stop the massacre.

Later, we explained to two Marines what we meant by real communism. The first returned our literature, but his friend kept it.

“In theory that sounds good,” the first Marine said. “But human nature is another thing. There is always someone who wants to be on top.”

“In high school they have us read *Animal Farm*, where that’s exactly what happens,” a comrade replied. The Marine holding the literature nod-

ded.

“We learn from past revolutions, from both their victories and failures. Sooner or later we’ll get it right,” the comrade continued.

The two Marines were close friends, but their friendship did not lead the one who kept the literature to return it. Despite the strong peer pressure that often exists among military buddies, our politics reached him.

Our final conversation was with a Marine who accepted our literature. We asked what he thought.

“I think it’s an honorable thing what you guys are doing,” he replied. He listened attentively, setting aside his lunch.

We shared how working-class people fight in wars, not the sons and daughters of the capitalist class. And how military personnel have at times turned their guns around and joined the working class in revolutionary struggles.

We really should have asked for his contact information.

“Our objective in our conversations with these Marines as well as with high school students is to activate their own

agency, conscience, and capacity for thought,” said a new comrade. “In doing so, we plant the seeds of our communist message.”

We returned more committed to building personal ties with high school students and Marines. Those communist relations are what it takes for them eventually to lead others to turn the guns around and destroy the capitalist system.



Young comrade in Uitenhage (South Africa) distributing *Red Flag*.



Schoolgirls in Rajasthan (India) blockade road for classmates protesting the lack of teachers in their government-run school, July 2026